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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of  
*Fred H. Burbank et al.*Examiner of Parent Application:  
M. HindenburgFor: **BREAST BIOPSY SYSTEM AND  
METHODS**

Group Art Unit: 3736

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Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on 9/16/03 in San Francisco, CA.By: *Ann Marie Leavy*

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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendments  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**Please amend claims 17, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 30, 40, 48 and 49 and add  
new claims 50-56. A list of the pending claims follows.**PENDING CLAIMS**17. (Currently Amended) [The] A biopsy instrument as recited in Claim 5,  
wherein said instrument further comprises comprising an elongated shaft, a cutting